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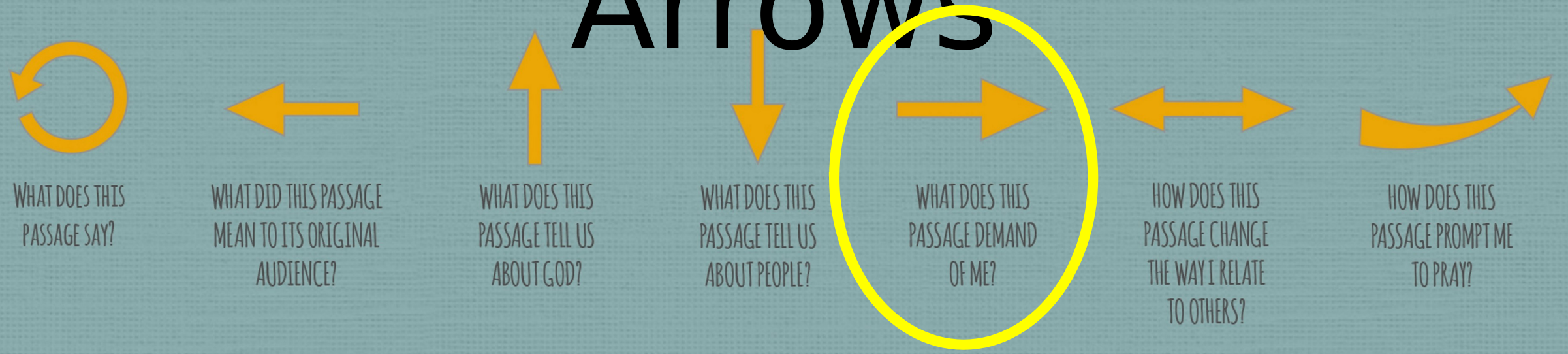
Seven Arrows


WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE SAY?
WHAT DID THIS PASSAGE MEAN TO ITS ORIGINAL AUDIENCE?
WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT GOD?
WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT PEOPLE?
WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE DEMAND OF ME?
HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE CHANGE THE WAY I RELATE TO OTHERS?
HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE PROMPT ME TO PRAY?

Taken from *How 7 Arrows Are Creating a Unique Tool for Disciplemaking at The Church at Cherryvale* by Matthew Rogers
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What does this passage demand of me?

1. **<u>BIBLICAL APPLICATION.</u>**
   1. Do we simply do everything the Bible says? Or is there more to it?

   2. Deut. 13:15 says go to the city. Take a sword. Kill everybody. Kill the cows too!

What does this passage demand of me?

3 kinds of application:

1. **Clear** – straight forward instructions. Stands alone fine on its own.
2. **Blurry** – not really sure how it is directing you. You need more background of context.
3. **Broken** – “loss in the translation” need for serious research. Its application/interpretation is likely debated amount many sincere believers.

What does this passage demand of me?

Applications can reveal to us:

1. Direct commands.
2. Principle to be applied.
3. Purpose to be carried out.

What does this passage demand of me?

How to approach difficult Scriptures.

1. **Start simple** – when you are faithful to what you do know and understand, God will help you with the wisdom needed to comprehend what you do not.
2. **Think Big** – Remember the big picture of Who God is and who He has called us to be.
3. **Use the Arrows** – many time one arrow can help you answer a different arrow.
4. **Ask for Help** – Professors, Pastors, and Friends who have been wrestling with scriptures longer than us might have some great insight to help us.

What does this passage demand of me?

Obeying God is bigger than just following rules:

1. **Know** – to the believer, right and wrong is better known as Christlike and unChristlike. Basically, the more we know Jesus, the more we understand what He wants us to do. In the book of John, Jesus says those who love Me obey my commandments.
2. **Be** – many people think that their actions, determines their identity, but that is backwards. Your actions come from who you think you are, or who you BELIEVE you belong to. When your identity is in Jesus, then your choices reflect that.
3. **Do** – The book of James says don't just be readers of the Bible, be doers of the Bible. Even though your identity is in Jesus, there is still part of you that wants to go back to who you use to be. When faced with this kind of heavy temptation, we rely on our faith and each other to stay focused and committed. This is also true when we mess up, it's our faith and our fellow believers that helps us stand and begin to walk in our faith once again!

APPLY THE ARROWS!

51:1 Be gracious to me, God, according to Your faithfulness;
According to the greatness of Your compassion, wipe out my wrongdoings. **2** Wash me thoroughly from my guilt And cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my wrongdoings, And my sin is constantly before me. **4** Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You [b]are justified [c]when You speak And [d]blameless when You judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in guilt, And in sin my mother conceived me. **6** Behold, You desire truth in the [e]innermost being, And in secret You will make wisdom known to me.

Reminders:

1. Seven Arrows. Chapters 6 &7 due Tuesday
2. First Exam – Feb 6 (Thursday)
3. Two spots open on the Spring Break Mission Trip
4. Hiring 20 Summer Staffers for Fleet Retreat!
5. Check out Campus Ministries:
    1. FCA (Mondays) 2. BCM (Tuesdays)
    3. ARPSO (Wednesdays) 4. Ration Christi (Thursdays)